

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**  
**Massachusetts Implementation Tasks for Calendar Year 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Insurance Market Reforms**

- State flexibility in operation and enforcement of Exchanges and related requirements (§1321) (CCA) (*IR WG*)

**Insurance Coverage Expansion**

- Medicaid payments to providers at Medicare rates, 100% fed funding (§1202) (MassHealth)

**Taxes & Revenue**

- Limitation on health flexible spending arrangements under cafeteria plans (§9005) (*EWG*)
- Imposition of annual fee on medical device manufacturers and importers. Repealed and replaced by Reconciliation 1405 (§9009) (HED)
- Elimination of deduction for expenses allocable to Medicare Part D subsidy (§9012) (HED) (*EWG*)
- Modification of itemized deduction for medical expenses (§9013) (*EWG*)
- Additional hospital insurance tax on high-income taxpayers (§9015) (*EWG*)

**Employer Responsibility**

- Employer requirement to inform employees of coverage options (§1512) (DHCFF, CCA) (*EWG*)

**Quality Improvements**

- Improving access to preventive services for eligible adults in Medicaid (§4106) (MassHealth, DPH)

**Transparency Fraud & Abuse**

- Transparency reports and reporting of physician ownership or investment interests (§6002) (DPH)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Insurance Market Reform**

- Insurers to offer at 2 multi-state, qualified health plans offered through Exchanges in each state (§1334) (DOI) (*IR WG*)
- Federal program to assist establishment and operation of nonprofit, member-run health insurance issuers. CO-OP (§1322) (DOI, CCA) (*IR WG*)

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Payment Reform**

- Disproportionate share hospital payments reductions begin (§2551) (MassHealth)

**Agency Key:**

CCA – Health Connector

DHCFP – Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

DOI – Division of Insurance

DPH – Department of Public Health

HED – Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development

**Working Group Key:**

EWG = Employer Working Group